



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., accompanied by Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., right, meets with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015.

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A black and white photograph of actress Kate Winslet standing next to a dark horse. She is wearing a dark coat and a watch. The text "Elegance is an attitude" and her signature are visible.

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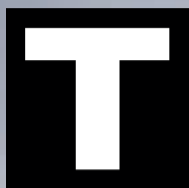
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# Republicans offer vote on Homeland Security bill



The Senate Democratic Caucus, led by Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nev., center, gestures during a news conference on Capitol Hill, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, to urge Republicans to support a "clean bill" to fund the Homeland Security Department as that agency's budget expires later this week. The DHS budget is at a standoff over provisions attached to a Homeland Security spending bill aimed at blocking President Barack Obama's executive actions on immigration. Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J. is at left.

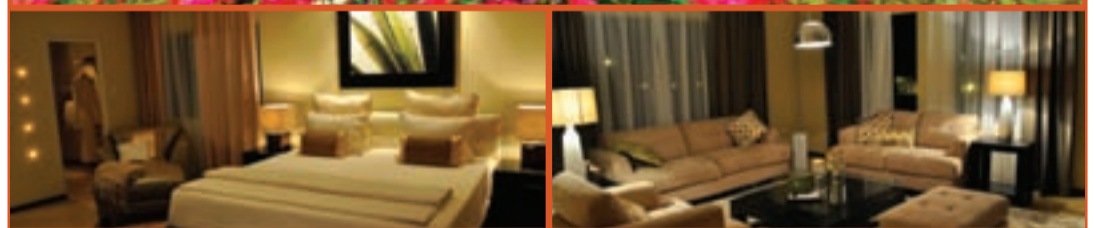
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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Republicans trying to avert a partial shutdown of the Homeland Security Department offered Tuesday to allow a vote on a bill to fund the agency — stripped of provisions that would overturn President Barack Obama's executive actions on immigration. Senate Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell made the offer as his party struggled to escape a political predicament of its own making involving a partial closure of an agency with major anti-terrorism responsibilities. The House of Representatives has passed a Homeland Security funding bill that includes the repeal of immigration policies Obama put into effect in 2012 and last fall. But in the Senate, Republicans lack the 60 votes needed to overcome blocking actions by minority Democrats. Spending for the Homeland Security Department expires Friday at midnight if Congress doesn't act before then. However, any shutdown would only be partial. Of the department's 230,000 employees, some 200,000 would continue to report to work because they are deemed essential for the protection of human life and property. That includes workers

at airport security checkpoints, front-line workers at Customs and Border Patrol, the Coast Guard and the Secret Service, which protects the president and other dignitaries. Even so, Democrats are raising the specter of terrorism and the Republicans are countering that it is the president's party that is preventing an orderly renewal of funding for the department. Obama's executive actions on immigration have been a top source of tension between the White House and Republicans, who won majorities in both chambers of Congress in elections last year. Senate Republican officials said McConnell proposal would eliminate an attempt by the House to repeal a presidential order that allows tens of thousands of immigrants to remain in the country if they were brought here illegally as youngsters by their parents. It would envision a vote on a separate measure to repeal a directive from Obama last fall that shields about 4 million immigrants from deportation even though they live in the United States illegally. McConnell said he did not know how the Republican-controlled House would

respond if a stand-alone spending bill passed and the next step was up to the House. House Speaker John Boehner's office issued a statement that neither accepted nor rejected the proposal that McConnell outlined. "The speaker has been clear: The House has acted, and now Senate Democrats need to stop hiding. Will they continue to block funding for the Department of Homeland Security or not?" said a spokesman, Michael Steel. At a news conference a few hours before McConnell spoke, Sen. Amy Klobuchar, of Minnesota, urged Republicans to "fund our security and not to send a message to al-Shabab that we're going to shut down

Homeland Security." Klobuchar's state is home to the Mall of America, an enormous shopping center that was singled out as a potential terror target in a video released by Al-Shabab, an Islamic militant group linked to the al-Qaida terrorist network. For their part, Republicans sought to pin the blame for the long-standing standoff on Democrats, pointing out they blocked Senate action four times on the combined funding-immigration bill. Among some Republicans, there was recognition that McConnell was offering as graceful a way out as possible. "I just don't know how we do it any other way," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican. □

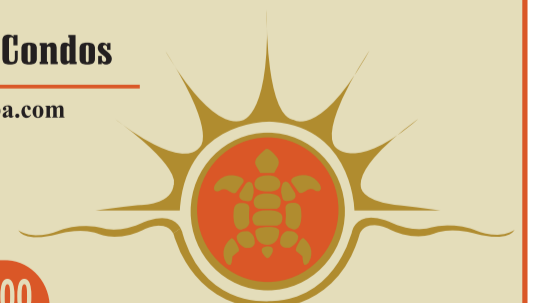


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## Obama vetoes Keystone XL pipeline bill, defying Republicans

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**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama rejected a bill Tuesday to approve construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, defying the Republican-led Congress and wielding his veto power for only the third time in his presidency. Obama offered no indication of whether he'll eventually issue a permit for the pipeline, whose construction has become a flash-point in the U.S. debate about environmental policy and climate change. Instead, Obama sought to reassert his authority to make the decision himself, rebuffing Republican lawmakers who will control both the House and Senate for the remainder of the Democratic president's term.

Although the veto is Obama's first since Republicans took control of Congress, it was not likely to be the last. Republican lawmakers are lining up legislation rolling back Obama's actions on health care, immigration and financial



**Samantha Lockhart, 26, center, with the National Wildlife Federation, holds a sign thanking President Obama for protecting wildlife, as she gathers with other opponents of Keystone XL to celebrate President Barack Obama's veto of the legislation outside the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015.**

regulation that Obama has promised to similarly reject. "The presidential power to veto legislation is one I take seriously," Obama said in a brief notice delivered to the Senate. "But I also take seriously my responsibility to

the American people." Obama vetoed the bill in private with no fanfare, in contrast to the televised ceremony Republican leaders staged earlier this month when they signed the bill and sent it to the

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

president. House Speaker John Boehner said Republicans were "not even close" to giving up the fight and derided the veto as a "national embarrassment." The move sends the politically charged issue back to Congress, where Republicans haven't shown they can muster the two-thirds majority in both chambers needed to override Obama's veto. Sen. John Hoeven, the bill's chief sponsor, said Republicans are about four votes short in the Senate and need about 11 more in the House. First proposed more than six years ago, the Keystone XL pipeline project has sat in limbo ever since, awaiting a permit required by the federal government because it would cross an international boundary. The pipeline would connect Canada's tar sands with refineries on the Gulf of Mexico that specialize in processing heavy crude

oil.

Republicans and the energy industry say the \$8 billion project would create jobs, spur growth and increase America's independence from Mideast energy sources. Democrats and environmental groups have sought to make the pipeline a poster child for the type of dirty energy sources they say are exacerbating global warming.

For his part, Obama says his administration is still weighing the pipeline's merits, and he has repeatedly threatened to veto any attempts by lawmakers to make the decision for him. Environmental groups said they were confident Obama's veto was a prelude to a full rejection of the pipeline. But TransCanada, the company proposing the pipeline, said it "remains fully committed" to building. And the Canadian government said it was not a matter of if, but when.

The Republican-controlled House passed the bill earlier in February on a 270-152 vote, following weeks of debate and tweaks in the Senate to insert language stating that climate change is real and not a hoax. Republican leaders in Congress delayed sending the bill to the White House until they returned from a weeklong recess, ensuring they would be on hand to denounce the president when he vetoed the bill.

The veto forced Republicans, still reveling in their dramatic gains in the mid-term elections, to confront the limitations of being unable to turn their ideas into law without the president's consent — despite the fact they now control both chambers of Congress. □

## Justice Dept: No federal charges in Trayvon Martin Death

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Associated Press

**MIAMI (AP)** — George Zimmerman, the former neighborhood watch volunteer who fatally shot Trayvon Martin in a 2012 confrontation with the teenager, will not face federal charges, the U.S. Justice Department said Tuesday. The decision resolves a case that focused public attention on self-defense gun laws and became a flashpoint in the national conversation about race two years before the Ferguson, Missouri, police shooting of a black man. Zimmerman has maintained that he acted in self-defense when he shot the 17-year-old Martin during a confrontation inside a gated community in Sanford, Florida, just outside Orlando. Martin, who was black, was unarmed when he was killed. Zimmerman identifies himself as Hispanic.



**This booking file photo shows George Zimmerman. The U.S. Justice Department said Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, that the former neighborhood watch volunteer will not face federal charges in the shooting death of unarmed 17-year-old Trayvon Martin.**

(AP Photo/SCPA)

Once Zimmerman was acquitted of second-degree murder by a state jury in July 2013, Martin's family turned to the federal investigation in final hopes that he would be held accountable for the shooting. That probe focused on

whether the killing could be charged as a federal hate crime and on whether Zimmerman willfully deprived Martin of his civil rights, a difficult legal standard to meet. But Justice Department officials said they ultimately determined there was insufficient evidence to prove Zimmerman killed the teenager on account of his race.

"Our decision not to pursue federal charges does not condone the shooting that resulted in the death of Trayvon Martin and is based solely on the high legal standard applicable to these cases," Vanita Gupta, the Justice Department's top civil rights official, said in a statement announcing the decision. Zimmerman's attorney, Don West, was on a flight

and couldn't immediately comment on the decision. A call to Zimmerman's cellphone went directly to voicemail.

Martin's parents were too distraught after their meeting in Miami with Justice Department officials to speak with reporters, said their attorney Ben Crump, who called the decision a "bitter pill to swallow" even though it was expected.

"What they told his family and I was that because Trayvon wasn't able to tell us his version of events, there was a lack of evidence to bring the charges. That's the tragedy," Crump said.

The February 2012 confrontation began after Zimmerman observed Martin while driving in his neighborhood. □

## Judge refuses to bar protests outside Boston bombing trial

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

**BOSTON (AP)** — A judge on Tuesday refused to bar demonstrators from gathering outside the court during the trial of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, rejecting a request from his lawyers who worry that "self-appointed supporters" who believe the attacks were a government plot could hurt his chances for a fair trial. The 2013 bombings killed three people and injured more than 260. Tsarnaev, 21, faces the possibility of the death penalty if convicted. Jury selection is ongoing. Tsarnaev's lawyers asked the court in December to ensure that jurors, survivors of the bombings and witnesses at the trial can leave the courthouse without having to pass through a "gauntlet of demonstrators bearing insulting and inflammatory messages." They referred specifically to an incident outside the main entrance of the court-

house before Tsarnaev's final pretrial conference in December, when Marc Fucarile, a man who lost his right leg in the bombings, had an exchange with the demonstrators. Some of the demonstrators believe that the injuries and deaths caused by the explosions were faked as part of a conspiracy while others question whether authorities have proof that Tsarnaev is responsible for the bombings. Fucarile held up his prosthetic leg and moved it back-and-forth toward the demonstrators, saying: "That's proof right there." "The continuing presence in the immediate vicinity of the courthouse entranceways of demonstrators — including those who gather to challenge as fabricated the injuries suffered by the survivors as they attempt to attend the proceedings — poses a grave threat to the fairness of the defendant's trial," Tsarnaev's lawyers wrote in a court filing. □

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## California: 28 hurt when train crashes into truck on tracks

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OXNARD, California

(AP) — A commuter train slammed into a truck stuck on the tracks early Tuesday, sending three rail cars tumbling onto their sides and injuring 28 people in the fiery crash in California. The accident occurred around 5:45 a.m. about 65 miles (105 kilometers) northwest of Los Angeles. Four people, including the train engineer, had critical injuries.

The truck driver was found

disoriented one or two miles away, said Jason Benitez, an assistant chief of the Oxnard Police Department.

The crash occurred at a spot where the tracks cross an avenue just before an intersection. The driver was making a right turn from the avenue onto the cross-street but ended up on the tracks, Benitez said.

The driver, identified only as a 54-year-old from Arizona, was cooperating and was not under arrest, Benitez said.

The driver was hospitalized in stable condition.



Firefighter stand in front of the wreck of a Metrolink passenger train that derailed, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, in Oxnard, Calif. Three cars of the Metrolink train tumbled onto their sides, injuring dozens of people in agricultural country 65 miles northwest of Los Angeles. Metrolink spokesman Scott Johnson told the Los Angeles Times that at least 30 people were injured.

(AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

Little was left of the truck except scorched and mangled wreckage, with some debris found in a nearby intersection and some close to the tracks.

"When the crews arrived on scene, it was in flames, the vehicle, and it was pretty much cut in half," Oxnard Fire Battalion Chief Sergio Martinez said.

The Metrolink train carrying 48 passengers and three crew members was heading from Ventura County to Los Angeles. The injured people were taken to several hospitals.

The locomotive, which was pushing the train from the back, was upright. The stretch of track is straight and that allowed the conductor to see the truck and begin braking, Martinez

said.

The train typically would be accelerating out of the Oxnard station at about 55 mph (88 kph), Metrolink spokesman Scott Johnson said. With braking, he estimated it would have hit the truck at between 40 mph (64.37 kph) and 55 mph.

The crossing had arm gates, signal lights and a center median, said Francisco Castillo, a spokesman for Union Pacific Railroad, which owns the tracks.

Johnson said initial reports from the scene indicated the arms and lights were working.

The National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Railroad Administration were sending investigators to the scene of the crash.

None of the rail cars crum-

pled, and that likely explains why there weren't more serious injuries.

That's the aim of "collision energy management technology," which disperses energy from the impact, instead of allowing it to concentrate inside the cars, Johnson said.

Metrolink invested heavily in such technology following other major crashes on its lines over the past decade.

Twenty-five people were killed on Sept. 12, 2008, when a Metrolink commuter train struck a Union Pacific freight train head-on in the San Fernando Valley community of Chatsworth. More than 100 people were hurt in one of the worst railroad accidents in U.S. history. □



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## US Financial Front:

# Fed Chair Yellen navigates tricky path on interest rates

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen navigated the tricky job of managing expectations on Tuesday in her first public comments on interest rate policy in more than two months.

She wanted the world to know the Fed isn't ready yet to raise rates from record lows. The job market is still healing, and inflation is too low, she said. At the same time, Yellen signaled that the Fed is moving closer to a rate hike by sketching the steps the central bank would take when it deemed the time was right.

In delivering the Fed's semi-annual economic report before the Senate Banking Committee, Yellen tried to balance the public's thirst for information on the Fed's future plans, while giving the central bank as much flexibility as possible to tweak monetary policy on its own terms.

The Fed has two mandates: maximum employment and price stability. The dilemma Yellen faces now is that the two measures are heading in opposite directions.

Yellen told lawmakers that the U.S. economy is making steady progress toward what the Fed defines as "maximum employment" — an unemployment rate between 5.2 percent and 5.5 percent. The jobless rate in January stood at 5.7 percent, down from a high of 10 percent in late 2009. Yellen, however, noted that the labor market had not totally healed, in large part because wage growth has been weak.

"Considerable progress has been achieved in the recovery of the labor market, though room for improvement remains," Yellen said.

Inflation is a thornier issue. The Fed's goal is for inflation to hit 2 percent annually. But for more than two years, inflation has been rising well below that level. It has retreated further from the Fed's target in recent months due to the stronger dollar and lower oil prices. After Yellen's remarks, private economists weighed in with their forecasts. Many said a rate hike looks likely in June. Others said September.

"The Fed is trying to manage a difficult situation in dealing with the un-

certainty surrounding the economic outlook," said Paul Edelstein, director of financial services at Global Insight. "Yellen sees a path to rate hikes but knows the value of maintaining discretion."

Meanwhile, investors liked what they heard from Yel-

Yellen sought to explain how the Fed would begin raising rates and what it would do to prepare financial markets. Its continuing use of the word "patient" means a rate hike is unlikely for at least the next two meetings, she said.

And even when the Fed

years, the Fed must now maneuver a difficult transition from keeping rates super low for a prolonged period to beginning to raise rates without triggering a volatile reaction in financial markets that have grown used to ultra-low rates.

During more than two hours of testimony, Yellen stuck closely to the views revealed in the minutes of the Fed's Jan. 27-28 meeting, in which Fed officials recognized that the economy was finally gaining momentum nearly six years after the country began to emerge from the worst recession since the 1930s. Yet it signaled that it was in no hurry to raise interest rates, judging that the risks of raising rates too soon and derailing the recovery outweighed the potential dangers of waiting too long. But Republicans, who now control Congress, have complained that the Fed's cautious approach is fueling the risk that inflation could accelerate to worrisome levels in the future. That could force the Fed to move more quickly to raise rates and increase the threat of destabilizing markets. □



**Federal Reserve Board Chair Janet Yellen prepares to testify on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, before the Senate Banking Committee. Yellen said Tuesday that the Federal Reserve remains patient in deciding when to start raising interest rates because too many Americans remain unemployed, wage growth remains sluggish and inflation is running below the Fed's target. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)**

len, who reiterated that the Fed would remain "patient" about raising interest rates as it waits for the economy to improve further. The Dow Jones industrial average and the S&P 500 closed at record highs, beating the marks they set Friday.

drops the word "patient," it will not necessarily translate to an imminent rate increase, she said. Rather, it will indicate that the Fed can start considering rate hikes on a "meeting-by-meeting basis."

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## 9 dead including gunman in Czech restaurant shooting



Police officers patrol where a gunman opened fire inside a small-town restaurant in eastern Czech Republic, killing eight people and seriously wounding a waitress before he fatally shot himself, officials said, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015. (AP Photo/CKT, Dalibor Gluck)

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**Associated Press**

**PRAGUE (AP)** — A gunman opened fire inside a small-town restaurant in eastern Czech Republic Tuesday,

killing eight people and seriously wounding a waitress before he fatally shot himself, officials said. It was the worst shooting attack in the young country's history.

The gunman was a local man aged around 60, said Patrik Kuncar, mayor of the southeastern town of Uhersky Brod.

Czech public radio said the perpetrator called a local television station before the attack, complaining that police weren't solving his problems and threatening that he would "take things into his hands."

Interior Minister Milan Chovanec, who arrived at the scene, said the man had a gun license. "It was not a terrorist attack" he said.

The gunman was armed with two pistols and opened fire at the approaching police officers, Chovanec said.

The Czech Republic became an independent nation in 1993 after the split of Czechoslovakia.

The attack shocked the town of 17,000 that lies 300 kilometers (185 miles) southeast of Prague, the

capital, and is home to the Ceska Zbrojovka gun plant.

"Nobody believed anything like that could happen in such a small town," Kuncar said. "I can hardly imagine what consequences it will have for the future life in this town."

The victims have been identified and were all from the region, Chovanec said.

The country's chief police officer, Tomas Tuhy, said authorities wouldn't reveal more information immediately because of the ongoing investigation.

Petr Gabriel was in the restaurant's bathroom when the shooting began.

"That saved my life," Gabriel told Czech public television. He stayed in the bathroom for two hours until he was found by police.

The waitress was shot in the chest and had hour-long surgery, said Dana Lipovska, spokesman for the hospital in the nearby town of Uherske Hradiste. Her condition was "very serious," Lipovska said.

The Czech Republic has strict gun control laws, but hunting is popular in the eastern European nation.

"I am shocked by the tragic attack in Uhersky Brod," Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka said in a statement while on a trip to South Korea. He offered his condolences to the victims' relatives and President Milos Zeman did the same.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel sent a telegram expressing her condolences to the Czech prime minister. □

### UK police:

## 3 missing schoolgirls may have entered Syria

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**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Police investigating the disappearance of three British schoolgirls said Tuesday they believe the teenagers are no longer in Turkey and have crossed into Syria — likely joining dozens of other young women leaving Europe to join terrorists. The disappearance of the three British girls, aged 15 to 16, underlines fears that growing numbers in Britain and Europe are lured by online propaganda to join the Islamic State group and become "jihadi brides."

Security officials say at least 500 Britons have trav-

elled to Syria to fight with extremists, often via Turkey. Experts estimate about 50 are female.

The three girls in the latest case — all described as "straight-A students" from a highly-regarded London school — went missing from their homes on Feb. 17. Authorities say they boarded a plane to Istanbul.

The families of Shamima Begum, 15, Kadiza Sultana, 16, and Amira Abase, 15, have implored them to return home.

A fourth girl from the school where the missing girls studied disappeared in December and was thought to have left for Syria. Police

said detectives investigating that case spoke to the three girls at the time, but there was nothing to suggest they were at risk of radicalization.

Experts say most of the Islamic State group's recruitment of young girls is conducted online on social media such as Facebook, and those trying to make the journey invariably receive advice on how to conceal their tracks.

Ross Frenett, a researcher at the London-based Institute for Strategic Dialogue, said women living in western Europe want to join the Islamic State group for many of the same reasons motivating men: A vision of

an Islamic utopia, a way to address the atrocities carried out against Muslims worldwide. "They believe they're going to a place where they will be empowered and come of age. There is a real sense of sisterly adventure, an idealistic view of what you're going to get into and a sense of camaraderie," he said. "An awful lot of them expect adventure but what they get is drudgery, often domestic drudgery."

The case has raised questions about whether British officials were doing enough to tackle radicalization and prevent young converts from travelling to Syria. □



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# Egyptian president El-Sissi issues new anti-terrorism law



Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi waves during a visit to the Suez Canal in Ismailia, Egypt. El-Sissi issued a law that broadens the state's definition of terrorism to include anyone who threatens public order "by any means." El-Sissi has the power to approve new laws in the form of decrees.

(AP Photo/Egyptian Presidency)

**SARAH EL DEEB**  
Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — The Egyptian president has issued a law that broadens the state's definition of terror-

ism to include anyone who threatens public order "by any means," and gives authorities powers to draw up lists of alleged terrorists with little judicial recourse.

Under the new law, prosecutors can name someone a terrorist, freezing their assets, and barring them from public life or travel, with only simple approval

from a panel of judges, and without a trial. The listing is valid for three years and can be renewed.

The legislation was signed in the form of a decree by President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi last week and was distributed to reporters on Tuesday. It is part of the government's stepped-up campaign against an expanding insurgency by militant groups, including one that has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group fighting in Iraq and Syria. The authorities have also waged a sweeping crackdown on supporters of ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, as well as young activists and groups that fuelled the uprising that toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak in 2011. Internationally, Egypt has

pushed allies for closer cooperation to combat terrorism in the region, particularly in neighboring Libya. Rights activists criticized the law, saying it only serves to expand Egypt's existing arsenal of legislation that empowers authorities against political opponents.

"In the absence of accountability and monitoring, we will never know whom this law is applied to," said Mohammed Zaree, Egypt program manager at the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies. "The absence of accountability and monitoring only leaves authorities above the law."

Egypt has been without an elected parliament since 2012 when the last elected house was dissolved by a court order. □

## Shiite rebels:

## Yemen President Hadi 'wanted for justice'

**AHMED AL-HAJ**  
Associated Press

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Yemen's Shiite rebels said Tuesday that President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who fled the rebel-controlled capital earlier this month and has begun reconstituting his authority in the south, is "wanted for justice."

The move escalated a crisis that threatens to split the Arab world's poorest country between the Houthi rebels, who control the capital Sanaa and much of the north, and Hadi, who enjoys wide support in the formerly independent south. The growing chaos also

threatens to undercut U.S. efforts to combat Yemen's powerful al-Qaida affiliate, which has been linked to several failed attacks on the United States and claimed responsibility for the assault on a French satirical magazine last month. In the latest sign of the country's growing lawlessness, a Frenchwoman working for the World Bank was kidnapped Tuesday in front of a ministry building in Sanaa, where several Western countries, including France, have shuttered their embassies. No one claimed responsibility for the abduction.

The rebel-run state news

agency SABA quoted the Houthis' Revolutionary Committee as saying Hadi's "reckless and erratic actions harmed the Yemeni people," and called on the international community to consider him a fugitive. The group warned state employees and even diplomatic missions against dealing with Hadi as president, saying they would be "held accountable."

The Houthis hail from the Shiite Zayidi minority, which makes up about a third of Yemen's population, and swept down from their northern strongholds last year, seizing the capital in September. □

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## Ukraine disputes rebel claim that weapons pullback begins

**N. DUMITRACHE  
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**Associated Press**

**ILOVAYSK, Ukraine (AP)** —

Russian-backed separatists moved some heavy weapons well back from the front line Tuesday in eastern Ukraine, but the Ukrainian government disputed the rebels' claim that a real pullback had begun.

A peace plan worked out in marathon talks on Feb. 12 aims to create a wide buffer zone between the two sides' artillery, part of efforts to end the conflict that has left nearly 5,800 dead since April. Heavy weapons are to be pulled back 25 to 70 kilometers (15 to 45 miles) from the front line, depending on their caliber.

The disagreement over a weapons pullback came as the fragile peace deal

for Ukraine was discussed in Paris by the foreign ministers of Russia, Ukraine, Germany and France. The talks ended without apparent progress, although the participants pledged adherence to the peace deal.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin told reporters that rebel shelling of Ukrainian positions had to stop before Ukraine started withdrawing its artillery. "You can't pull out ... while shelling is coming down on you," he said.

Russia denies Ukrainian and Western claims that it is supplying the rebels with troops and equipment, but Western officials and NATO insist that satellite photos show Russian military equipment in eastern Ukraine.

Eduard Basurin, a top rebel commander in the Donetsk region, said his side had



**Ukrainian troops ride on an armored vehicle near the village of Luhanske, eastern Ukraine, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015. Ukrainian officials said they haven't yet started pulling heavy weapons back from a frontline in eastern Ukraine because of continued rebel violations of a cease-fire deal.**

(AP Photo/Evgeniy Maloletka)

begun a large-scale pullback of heavy weapons in line with the peace plan, but the claim could not be verified. A rebel website quoted him as saying about 100 122-mm howitzers would be involved.

Associated Press reporters

saw about a dozen howitzers moved from Donetsk, the largest rebel-held city, to the town of Ilovaysk 20 kilometers (12 miles) to the east. That would put them roughly within the 25-kilometer (15-mile) pullback criterion for weapons of

that size.

Michael Bociurkiw, a spokesman for the international team monitoring the fighting, said he couldn't confirm any pullback until receiving monitors' reports, possibly at the end of the day. □

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## Greece clears key hurdle to extend bailout

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**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Greece cleared a major hurdle Tuesday in its ongoing battle to remain solvent as its European creditors approved a 4-month extension to its financial bailout — but the cash-strapped country has much more to do to convince its partners that it deserves longer-term help beyond the summer. The country's creditors in the 19-country eurozone endorsed Greece's request for the extension after the European Commission, European Central Bank and

**COOK**

International Monetary Fund — the main institutions handling Greece's loans — provisionally backed a list of reforms that Athens proposed in a letter late Monday.

Greece had to draw up the list, which includes measures to combat tax evasion and corruption, to get the bailout extended. Without a financial lifeline over the coming few months, it faces the possibility of going bankrupt, imposing capital controls and ditching the euro.

"The three institutions agreed to start the process with this," eurogroup presi-

dent Jeroen Dijsselbloem said on RTL television. "They thought it was a serious enough list and all the countries have just agreed with that in the meeting so we can start."

Tuesday's deal comes just days before Greece's 240 billion-euro (\$270 billion) bailout program expires and is aimed at buying time for both sides to agree on a longer-term deal to ease the burden of the bailout loans. Greece will, in all likelihood have to negotiate a new financial agreement with its creditors to see it past June, when big bond repayments are due. □



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## Venezuelan 14 year-old killed during anti-government protest

**LUZ DEPABLOS**  
**HANNAH DREIER**  
**Associated Press**  
**SAN CRISTOBAL, Venezuela (AP)** — A 14-year-old boy died Tuesday after being shot in the head during an anti-government protest in Venezuela's restive western region. Preliminary investigations suggest the student was injured during a confrontation between police and protesters in the city, and died on the way to the hospital, according to San Cristobal Human Rights Commission President Jose Vicente Garcia. A photo and video of the student lying in a pool of blood, his backpack hanging over his shoulder, as a man frantically tries to staunch the bleeding rocketed around social media.

One of the more radical opposition parties in the socialist South American country immediately called for a gathering in the capital Thursday to demand an investigation into the cases of students who have died at the hands of the government. Residents of the university town near the Colombian border known for its tendency toward protests were outraged. "How are you going shoot point blank at a student who's just leaving school to go home?" asked Glenda Lugo. "We're tired of this injustice." Ruling party officials swiftly condemned the killing and offered condolences to the family. Interior Relations Minister Carmen Melendez



A man tries to help an injured youth lying on the ground in a pool of blood after he was shot in the head during an anti-government protest in San Cristobal, Venezuela, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015. (AP Photo)

pledged that the government would pursue Roa's killer "relentlessly," and said in a televised interview that a member of the national police had already con-

fessed to culpability in the case. The attorney general's office said 23-year-old Javier Mora Ortiz will be charged in connection with the

teen's death in the coming hours. She repeatedly called for general peace and tranquility. But what had started as a small demonstration was swelling into a larger protest as night fell in San Cristobal, with shops closing their doors and public transportation stopping routes in anticipation of unrest. Some schools announced that classes would be canceled Wednesday. Venezuelan ombudsman Tarek William Saab, a federal official charged with defending human rights, said on Twitter that he deplored the "vile assassination" of the teen, who he named as Kluiverth Roa, though other officials spelled his first name differently. □

## Brazil officials detain alleged Amazon deforestation king

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Brazil has detained a land-grabber thought to be the Amazon's single biggest deforester, the country's environmental protection agency said. The Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources said Ezequiel Antonio Castanha, who was detained Saturday in the state of Para, operated a network that illegally seized federal lands, clear-cut them and sold them to cattle grazers. The agency blames the network for 20 percent of the deforestation in Brazil's Amazon in recent years, though the statement issued Monday did not provide the estimated scale of the devastation. It quoted the agency's head of environmental protection, Luciano Evaristo, as saying he hopes Castanha's arrest will "contribute signifi-

cantly to controlling deforestation in the region." Castanha will face charges including illegal deforestation and money laundering, and could be sentenced to up to 46 years in prison, the statement said. Officials said late last year that 1,870 square miles (4,848 square kilometers) of rain forest were destroyed between August 2013 and July 2014. That's a bit larger than the U.S. state of Rhode Island. In addition to holding around one-third of the planet's biodiversity, the Amazon is considered one of the world's most important natural defenses against global warming because of its capacity to absorb huge amounts of carbon dioxide. Rain forest clearing is responsible for about 75 percent of Brazil's emissions as vegetation is burned and felled trees rot. □

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## Officials in Haiti celebrate completion of Marriott hotel

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— A second international-branded hotel opened Tuesday in the Haitian capital in what backers of the project and officials hope will be a spur to further economic development in the impoverished country.

The 175-room Marriott Port-au-Prince is a four-star hotel geared primarily toward travelers looking to do business in Haiti, said Denis O'Brien, chairman of Digicel, the telecommunications company that developed the project adjacent to its Haiti headquarters in the Turgeau neighborhood of the capital.

"If a foreign direct investor is going to Haiti, they have to have a good first impression," O'Brien, whose com-



Former U.S. President and UN Special Envoy for Haiti, Bill Clinton, left, speaks with Denis O'Brien, chairman of the Digicel at the opening of a Marriott hotel in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015. The new Marriott Port-au-Prince is a four-star hotel geared primarily toward travelers looking to do business in Haiti, said O'Brien, chairman of Digicel, the telecommunications company that developed the project adjacent to its Haiti headquarters.

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

pany is the largest private employer in Haiti, said in an interview before the event. Digicel invested \$45 million and contracted with Marriott to operate it. O'Brien, an Irish billionaire whose company recently completed building 150 schools in Haiti and restored the historic Iron Market that was damaged in the January 2010 earthquake, said the hotel will directly create about 200 jobs, but that he hopes it will lead to more.

A ceremony to mark the opening of the hotel drew President Michel Martelly, Prime Minister Evans Paul and former U.S. President Bill Clinton. Actor Sean Penn, who has been criticized for what some felt was an insensitive joke about Mexican-born Oscar-winner Alejandro Inarritu's immigration status during at the Academy Awards on Sunday, also attended the event but declined to speak with The Associated Press. In March 2013, the Best Western in the Petionville district of the capital became the first internationally branded hotel since Holiday Inn left in 1998 as the country's tumultuous political situation caused the collapse of the economy.□

## Trinidad, Venezuela sign gas exploration deal

**TONY FRASER**

**Associated Press**

**PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad**

**(AP)**— Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro signed a deal Tuesday with Trinidad & Tobago for joint exploration of natural gas in waters between both nations.

Maduro and Trinidad Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar also signed an agreement to increase the trade

of goods between the two governments.

"This is a unique and historic event because it's the first time in this hemisphere such an agreement is being signed allowing for the cooperation for the exploitation of these resources," Maduro said.

Trinidad's leader said the twin-island nation expects to export products includ-

ing cement, gasoline and air conditioners to Venezuela and import gas, crude petroleum and jet fuel from the South American country.

Both leaders also agreed to cooperate on security, education and cultural issues, as well as examine the detention of five Trinidad Muslims jailed in Venezuela amid accusations they

plotted a coup against Maduro's government.

The deals were signed as Venezuela struggles with 68 percent inflation and widespread shortages.

Trinidad is the second biggest energy producer in the Caribbean after nearby Venezuela and is the largest supplier of liquefied natural gas to the United States.□



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## Rebranding Arke Travel Agencies Curaçao and Aruba

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- Two completely refurbished Arke shops on Curaçao and Aruba open their doors this week. Entirely in line with the rebranding of Arke, the agencies are provided with a new look and a new name. The typical orange Arke color has been replaced by a fresh blue color, the shops are more customer-friendly designed and will be provided with the most advanced technologies. This also includes that the agencies will no longer operate under the name of Arkefly, but under the name of Arke. The services, products and the team will remain the same. The reopening of Arke Curaçao:

The space of the Arke travel agency, located at the Schottegatweg Oost on



Curaçao, is increased by twelve square meters. The store now has three counters with a chair and couch and a fourth counter which can be used for multiple purposes. The travel hostesses can welcome tourists here who have questions and it's possible to put a screen at this counter, creating an extra workspace in case it gets crowded in the travel agency. The

agency has a more modern design and contains a table for reading. Also, by placing a secured administration office – where customers can pay – the waiting time is reduced. Marlow de la Fuente, Sales supervisor of Arke Curaçao: 'The rebranding makes the travel agency more customer-friendly, more modern and more social. We are very proud of the result and would like to invite everyone to come and take a look.'

### The reopening of Arke Aruba:

The in 2010 founded Arke travel agency on the LG Smith boulevard on Aruba has also completely been restyled. The entire new look & feel makes the agency a lot more customer-friendly. It is now possible to use three counters instead of two. Through a big screen - which still has to be placed - customers can be



informed about the bookings and the services provided by Arke.

### Consistent look & feel:

In order to present Arke everywhere with the same look & feel, the employees wear the same new uniform as the flight crew of Arke. For ladies this uniform con-

sists of a dark blue dress, a dark blue jacket and trousers in the same color, with a light blue blouse and a striped shawl with the TUI-smile. The men wear a dark blue jacket and trousers in the same color, with a light blue shirt and a striped tie with the TUI-smile. □



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## Costa Linda Beach Resort Holds Carnival Queen 2015 Pageant

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Activities coordinator, Hetty Hertz did an outstanding job officiating the pageant as emcee.

Each year the pageant grows in popularity.

Owners and guests gathered to watch as this year's



queen, Patricia Bitterberg was crowned by 2014 queen, Valerie Blum. General Manager, Luigi Heredia crowned the resort's employee queen, Jacqueline Caton.

A special honor was given to former queen, Linda Woods as she crowned her granddaughter, Madison Defelice Costa Linda's princess.

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*Enjoy the Ride*

This weekly ride comes from my good friend Rene Dijkhoff, or best known by his friends as "Joker", and he is no stranger when it comes to bikes as he did own many bikes thru the years that he has been riding. This particular ride he owned for a couple of years now. It's a 2005 Harley Davidson Heritage Deluxe, which he has been modifying for awhile now, starting from a custom air intake, some 16 inch apehangers, custom made leather bags and a set of fat spokes DNA custom wheels wrapped in Veerubber whitewall tires.

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What really stands out is the dual Tailgunner exhaust that flows nicely at the sides to the back of the bike. At night there is a cool set of LED lights tucked away in the headlamps that illuminates the roads ahead. And as Joker says, this bike is a keeper for quite some time to come.

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Sidebar's signature burgers have been named The Sidebar, The Afterburner, The Goliath, The Texan, The Chaser, The Primal and The Italian Job and we are sure that everyone will be able to find a burger that calls out to them. The burgers come with brie cheese, prosciutto, Cheddar cheese, zucchini, sliced steak, Bourbon bbq sauce, dripping gravy and much more, depending on your order. The best thing is that these gourmet beauties cost less than \$ 15.--, so lunch or an evening out won't break the bank.

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Picture: "THE TEXAN" GOURMET BURGER

## Costa Linda

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Former queen, Donna Sullivan had the honor of crowning this year's youth princess, Brooke Vernies. The pageant was full of Carnival spirit as former Queensland employee queens in attendance danced with the extraordinary Cocorico in Motion Dancers who entertained the crowd with their amazing dance moves and colorful costumes. Before the pageant, each queen was professionally made up by the talented, artistic Angela Velazco whose face painting is well known throughout the island.

A special thank you is extended to Mr. Roy Leitch owner of Water's Edge 12 Degrees North Restaurant, The Taste of Heaven Spa, Elliott's Restaurant and Pizza Bob's for their generous contributions to all the contestants. □



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The Apfels are loyal members of the Marriott Surf club, and they love Aruba for the climate, beaches, safety, restaurants but most of all they love the friendly Aruban people. The certificate was presented by Ms. Marouska Heyliger representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with representatives of the Marriott Surf Club. □





## Schneider makes 38 saves, Devils win 4th in row

The Associated Press

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)

— Cory Schneider had 38 saves for his third shutout of the season as the New Jersey Devils posted their first four-game winning streak in two years with a 3-0 decision over the fading Arizona Coyotes on Monday. Scott Gomez tallied on a first-period breakaway and Mike Cammalleri had breakaway and empty-net goals in the third period for New Jersey which had not won four in a row since early February 2013.

The win moved the Devils within eight points of a wild-card spot in their long shot bid to make the playoffs for the first time in three seasons. It also gave them points in 14 of their last 16 games at the Prudential Center.

Mike Smith made 25 saves

for the Coyotes, who lost their season-high sixth in a row.

**Ducks 4, Red Wings 3, SO**

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Corey Perry and Jakob Silfverberg scored in the shootout as the Ducks rallied from a 2-0 hole.

The Ducks looked out of it before scoring three goals in a four-minute third-period flurry to take the lead — leaving a sizable contingent of Red Wings fans in shock after they turned the Honda Center into a de facto home game for most of the night.

Francois Beauchemin buried a shot from just inside the blue line at 12:57 of the third after Andrew Cogliano whacked home a rebound to finally put the Ducks on the board and Emerson Etem beat Jimmy Howard through the legs 90

seconds later.

John Gibson made 35 saves for the Ducks, who earned their third straight win.

Pavel Datsyuk scored twice to give the Red Wings a 2-0 edge. But his try in the shootout hit the post and Tomas Tatar had a chance to extend the shootout, but missed wide to the right of Gibson. □



New Jersey Devils goaltender Cory Schneider, left, makes a save as Arizona Coyotes' Shane Doan attempts to deflect the puck during the third period of an NHL hockey game Monday, Feb. 23, 2015, in Newark, N.J.

Associated Press

## Newly discovered wasp named after Boston Bruins goalie Rask

BOSTON (AP) — There's a new buzz surrounding Boston Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask.

A Boston-area researcher who was part of a team that discovered a new species of wasp in Kenya has named the insect *Thaumatomyia tuukkaraski* in Rask's honor.

Robert Copeland, an entomologist at the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology in Nairobi who grew up in Newton, Massachusetts, named the wasp after Rask to show his admiration for the player who has "had an outstanding career in one of the most difficult positions in sports," according to a story in The Boston Globe on

Tuesday.

A paper based on the discovery is scheduled to be published in April in the journal *Acta Entomologica Musei Nationalis Pragae*.

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# Reading the tea leaves from the West Coast Swing

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla.**

**(AP)** — The Florida swing is the unofficial start of the road to the Masters, now just 44 days away and counting.

Greg Norman made it feel that way a few decades ago.

The Shark would play the Tournament of Champions in January and then not show up again until Florida, usually at Doral. He was No. 1 in the world a good chunk of that time, which only added to the feeling that golf began to matter when TV showed swaying palms, sweaty brows and water hazards.

Rory McIlroy better hope the similarities end there.

Norman never did win the Masters, hard as he tried. McIlroy needs a green jacket to complete the career Grand Slam, and the pressure will start building this week at the Honda Classic when the world's No. 1 player makes his American debut. He already has won this year against a strong field in Dubai.

But it would be a mistake to ignore the opening two months of the season on the PGA Tour. Because if the Florida Swing is the road to the Masters, then the West Coast Swing blazed

the trail.

Here's what emerged from Hawaii to Arizona and up the coast of California, beautiful weather nearly every step of the way:

—The guy in black pants and a red shirt can be dangerous when he gets any-

and did about everything except reach No. 5 in the world, the 24-year-old showed even more spunk when he overcame a four-shot deficit with four holes to play in Kapalua. He made two birdies and holed an 80-yard sand

Beach National Pro-Am in 2000. Or anyone playing Norman.

—Woods has yet to wear black pants and a red shirt on Sunday.

If not for the West Coast, Woods would not have had a chance to activate

es, the next stop would be Augusta National.

This is a road that feels as if it has 1,000-foot cliffs on both sides. Or in front of it.

—The Phoenix Open offered a snapshot of youth, and it was frightening.

Brooks Koepka emerged as the winner by rolling in a 50-foot eagle putt on the 15th hole. What really stood out was the drive the 24-year-old Koepka hit on the 18th, which was long and pure, reminiscent of Angel Cabrera on the 18th at Oakmont when he won the U.S. Open.

Phoenix also offered a big picture.

Hideki Matsuyama, the 22-year-old from Japan, missed a birdie putt to force a playoff. Jordan Spieth, the 21-year-old Texan, made a late charge. A pair of 21-year-old rookies, Justin Thomas and Daniel Berger, played in the final group Saturday.

And then one week later, 27-year-old Jason Day won a four-man playoff at Torrey Pines that included 25-year-old Harris English.

It's getting harder than ever to win. These guys are good. They're young. And they're hungry.

—The return of Dustin Johnson.

Johnson took a six-month break under curious circumstances—Golf.com reported he failed a cocaine test twice — and missed the cut when he returned. He rallied late at Pebble Beach to tie for fourth. He had Riviera wrapped up until he hit a lob wedge into a bunker on the 17th hole and made bogey. He delivered one of the best shots of the young season, that flop shot over the back bunker on the 10th hole in the playoff, only for James Hahn to match his birdie. And then Hahn beat him with a 25-foot putt.

Maybe the break and the birth of his son did some good. Or maybe he's oblivious to it all. Either way, he looks just as good.

McIlroy starts his road to the Masters this week. Given what happened out West, it's starting to look like the 405 at rush hour. □



**Dustin Johnson makes his first attempt to hit out of a bunker on the 10th hole during the first round of the Northern Trust Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles, Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

where near the lead on Sunday.

That would be Patrick Reed, of course.

Coming off a year in which Reed won a World Golf Championship, went unbeaten in the Ryder Cup

wedge for eagle, and then beat Jimmy Walker in a playoff.

Yes, he was lucky the hole got in the way on his eagle. But some guys have a knack for that. See Tiger Woods at the AT&T Pebble

his glutes. The bad news is that his glutes deactivated in the cool fog of Torrey Pines.

Woods' peculiar choice of words to describe what led to tightness in his lower back turned into a punch line that overshadowed what could turn out to be quite serious. The chipping display at Isleworth at the end of last year, which was attributed to closely mown grass, turned out to be the preview to a horror show. Until or unless he returns, the signature shot for Woods will be from a bunker on the 16th hole at the TPC Scottsdale in the pro-am. It shot out of the sand, over the green and into the bleachers. It was so shocking that some pundits thought he must have done it on purpose.

So one of the greatest short games has short-circuited. And it led to Woods saying he won't return until he gets his game in shape for tournament golf. That won't be at the Honda Classic. The next option is Bay Hill. And unless his schedule chang-

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### NBA Capsules

# Harden's triple-double helps Rockets over Wolves

The Associated Press

**HOUSTON (AP)** — James Harden had 31 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for his second triple-double this season, leading the Houston Rockets to a 113-102 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday night.

Harden got off to a slow start, missing his first seven shots. He got going late in the first quarter, had 13 points at halftime and was a rebound away from wrapping up his fourth career triple-double entering the fourth.

Houston led by nine at the start of the final period, but Andrew Wiggins led a charge that cut the lead to one point with less than 4 minutes left.

The Rockets took over after that, using a 14-2 run, with five points from Harden, to make it 111-98 with less than a minute to go.

Wiggins scored 30 for the Timberwolves, who lost for the third time in four games.

#### GRIZZLIES 90, CLIPPERS 87

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Mike Conley scored 18 points and Jeff Green added 16 as Memphis hung on to end the Clippers' four-game winning streak.

Marc Gasol added 14 points and Zach Randolph had 10 rebounds as the Grizzlies improved to 15-3 since Green joined the team on Jan. 12. They won using balanced scoring with no one getting 20 points.

Memphis led by eight before the Clippers scored seven in a row to close to 88-87, but Chris Paul lost the ball and Conley was fouled. He made both and the game ended with Matt Barnes throwing the ball into the hands of Courtney Lee.

Paul had 30 points and 10 assists for the Clippers, with Jamal Crawford scoring 15 points off the bench.

HEAT 119, 76ERS 108

**MIAMI (AP)** — Luol Deng made 11 of 14 shots and scored 29 points, and Goran Dragic added 23 points and 10 assists as Miami set a season high for scoring.

Dwyane Wade scored 18 for the Heat, who stayed in the No. 7 spot in the Eastern Conference. Hassan Whiteside added 12 points and 14 rebounds for Miami, which shot 55 percent.

Hollis Thompson scored 22 points for Philadelphia, which got 18 from Nerlens Noel, 16 from Robert Covington, 12 from Henry Sims and 11 from Isaiah Canaan.

It was a good-news day all around for Miami. Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said before the game that Chris Bosh—who has blood clots on a lung, a season-ending issue—will be going home "soon" from a hospital where he's been treated since late last week.

#### BULLS 87, BUCKS 71

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Tony Snell scored 20 points, and Nikola Mirotic had 16 points and a career-high 14 rebounds as surging Chicago pounded Milwaukee on the boards.

Pau Gasol added 15 points and 10 rebounds as the Bulls enjoyed a whopping 62-41 advantage on the glass. Joakim Noah had eight points and 16 rebounds on his bobblehead night, and Jimmy Butler finished with 11 points and nine boards.

Milwaukee shot 34 percent (30 for 89) from the field in its second straight loss after a stretch of nine wins in 10 games. Ersan Ilyasova had 15 points and 11 rebounds

in his first start since Jan. 27 at Miami. Chicago played without key reserves Taj Gibson and Kirk Hinrich, who were away from the team due to an illness.

#### PELICANS 100, RAPTORS 97

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Alexis Ajinca capped a 16-point performance with a go-ahead layup in the final minute as New Orleans erased an 18-point deficit to beat Toronto.

Luke Babbitt scored a season-high 18 for New Orleans, including a clutch 3-pointer that gave the Pelicans their first lead of the game with 1:55 to go. The clutch outings by the two reserves helped New Orleans overcome the absence of All-Star Anthony Davis and Ryan Anderson,



Houston Rockets' James Harden, right, loses the ball under pressure from Minnesota Timberwolves' Andrew Wiggins, left, in the second half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Feb. 23, 2015, in Houston.

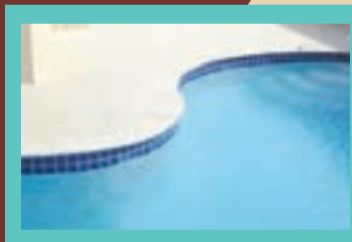
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who were both injured Saturday night in Miami.

Newly acquired Norris Cole scored 15 for New Orleans.

Omer Asik added 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Tyreke Evans had 13 points and 12 assists. □

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# Top-ranked Novak Djokovic advances at Dubai Championships

**SANDRA HARWITT**

**Associated Press**

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — Playing for the

first time since winning the Australian Open, Novak Djokovic came through with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Vasek Pospisil on Tuesday in the first round of the Dubai Tennis Championships.

The top-ranked Djokovic won his fifth title in Melbourne at the beginning of the month.

"It's my first match since the Australian Open final so I'm still looking for that rhythm on the court," Djokovic said. "I managed to stay mentally tough, patient and as soon as I got into the rallies I had a better chance of winning."

Also, third-seeded Andy Murray was given a workout by Gilles Muller of Luxembourg before securing a 6-4, 7-5 win, and fourth-seeded Tomas Berdych, a finalist at Dubai the last two



**Roger Federer of Switzerland returns the ball to Mikhail Youzhny of Russia during the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Monday, Feb. 23, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

years, beat Jeremy Chardy of France 7-6 (2), 6-4.

It took Muller 30 points to finally hold serve in the third

game of the first set.

"I made him work very hard

on his service games," Murray said. "That was something I wanted to try to do from early on."

In the final game of the first set, Murray served three aces, three double-faults, and saved a break point before winning the 16-point game.

Berdych started off with a 2-0 lead, but Chardy rebounded and played solid tennis until Berdych raced to a 5-0 lead in the tie-breaker.

"I made it complicated a bit more than usual," Berdych said. "Not every day it's going to be perfect. We don't have to be perfect."

The win put Berdych one victory away from claiming 500 match wins in his career.

Other winners included Marcos Baghdatis, sixth-seeded Feliciano Lopez, seventh-seeded Roberto Bautista Agut, Sergiy Stakovsky and Simone Bolelli. □

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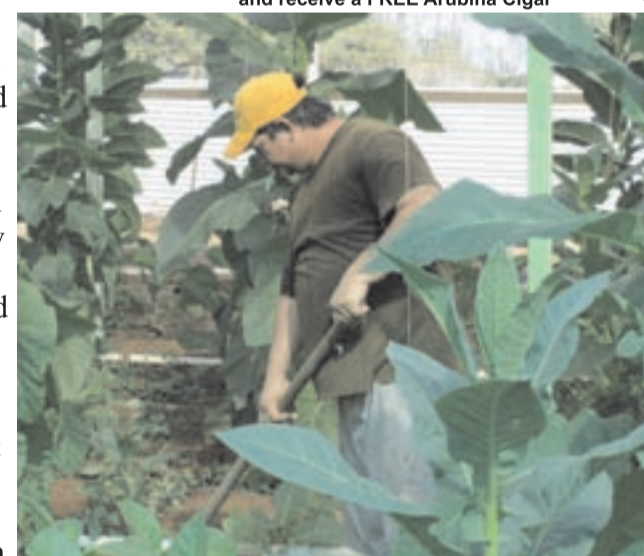


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# Newly discovered wasp named after Boston Bruins goalie Rask



In this May 16, 2014, file photo, Boston Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask, of Finland, listens to a reporter's question in the team's locker room at TD Garden in Boston. Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — There's a new buzz surrounding Boston Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask. A Boston-area researcher who was part of a team

that discovered a new species of wasp in Kenya has named the insect *Thaumatomyia tuukkaraski* in Rask's honor. Robert Copeland, an ento-

mologist at the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology in Nairobi who grew up in Newton, Massachusetts, named the wasp after Rask to show his

admiration for the player who has "had an outstanding career in one of the most difficult positions in sports," according to a story in The Boston Globe on Tuesday. A paper based on the discovery is scheduled to be published in April in the journal Acta Entomologica Musei Nationalis Pragae. "This species is named after the acrobatic goaltender for the Finnish National ice hockey team and the

Boston Bruins, whose glove hand is as tenacious as the raptorial fore tarsus of this dryinid species," the authors wrote in the paper. Also, the project that led to the discovery was underwritten by the government of Finland, Rask's homeland. Rask said he has heard of Bruins fans naming their pets after him, but never an entire species. "That's funny. That's pretty neat," Rask said. □

## Petkovic, Jankovic advance to 2nd round of Qatar Open

**DOHA, Qatar (AP)** — Sixth-seeded Andrea Petkovic advanced to the second round of the Qatar Open with a 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2 win over Belgian qualifier Kirsten Flipkens on Tuesday.

Flipkens, who beat Petkovic in the second round at New Haven last August, showed a good touch in the first set — only to crumble in the second as Petkovic opened up a 4-0

lead. The 10th-ranked Petkovic was in total control of the third set, with the German winning four games in a row to seal the contest. "Kirsten isn't a great match up for me. I always struggle against her," Petkovic said. "She played really well, especially in the first set. I was able to step up my game in second and third sets." Carla Suarez Navarro advanced after fellow Spaniard Garbine Muguruza retired due to a viral illness, with Navarro leading 6-5 after the first set. Jelena Jankovic thrashed China's lucky loser Zheng Saisai 6-0, 6-2, while Karolina Pliskova beat Swiss qualifier Stefanie Voegele 7-6 (4), 6-4. □



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## Joyful Heart - By: Dr Carlos Viana

While interning in Shanghai as a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) physician, I learned that an energetic heart allows the expression of joy. The literary word for lightening the mood of something is "leaven"; as in "readers tell me that these weekly articles leaven or enliven their mood". The Modern Greek word "leaven" is "enzumos" that yields the word enzyme. Enzymes are proteins produced by the cells that control or "turn on" thousands of body reactions.

One enzyme family is digestive enzymes, which help the body naturally, digest food, a good thing. Plant digestives, like Bromelain from pineapple AND Beta Pepsin or Hydrochloric Acid (HCL) are good supplement choices for overeating or eating the wrong foods. But even good things need help, like Phyllis, without whose organization skills, I would accomplish very little. Similarly, an important partner that helps enzymes work are coenzymes. The prefix "co" means together or jointly, like co-worker.

One coenzyme that is getting a lot of attention is Coenzyme10 or CoQ10. This supplement is widely used in Japan to treat angina, severe chest pains because of a lack of blood to the heart. Pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, swelling of the ankles, legs or abdomen, and increased urination, are all symptoms that may signal that the heart cannot pump sufficient blood to keep pace with the energy demands of the body, congestive heart failure. If you suspect any of the above, it may

be a good idea to have a check-up.

CoQ10 is found in every cell in the body. CoQ10 assists enzymes in bringing oxygen into the cells and producing energy needed for cell growth and maintenance. It is also used by the body as an antioxidant. An antioxidant is a substance that protects cells from unhealthy chemicals called free radicals. Free radicals are highly reactive chemicals that can damage parts of cells, including DNA. DNA is a molecule inside cells that carries genetic information and passes it from one generation to the next. This damage may play a role in the development of cancer. Low blood levels of CoQ10 have been found in patients with bone, lymph gland, breast, lung, prostate, pancreas, colon, kidney, and other cancers. Think of CoQ10 as an accelerator pedal in your car that sends more fuel to your heart. If the fuel is not available, symptoms of congestive heart failure develop. The fuel for your body is ATP whose structure includes a sugar called ribose. Combining the dietary supplement D-ribose together with CoQ10 is an energizing combination.

As a Clinical Nutritionist I always recommend CoQ10 be taken together with complementary or "co-worker" supplements; because absorption of CoQ10 into your body is poor. In fact, probably over 60 percent of most oral doses of CoQ10 are excreted by the body without being used. Absorption of CoQ10 is greater when taken together with food that has a good quality fat

content, like olive oil, wild caught salmon and butter (notice I did not say margarine). Because of this, I always recommend taking CoQ10 together with a fat or oil, like Omega 3 or Alpha-lipoic acid. Quality dietary supplement manufactures are now producing CoQ10 with enhanced absorption or bioavailability by surrounding each CoQ10 molecule with tiny fat cells of good fats like alpha-lipoic acid

Most modern diets are deficient in Omega 3's and adding Flax seed oil or Fish oils, to a daily supplement program, which includes vitamin C, Magnesium, Zinc and Lecithin is what I feel is a great basic dietary plan. Of course, not everybody utilizes or absorbs the same. If you have any health concerns, visit a clinical nutritionist to be sure you are getting the right combination of co-workers for your needs. Another super oil or fat is alpha lipoic acid which is known as the "universal antioxidant". It has the ability to conserve and prolong the life of vitamins C & E in the body, increasing their effectiveness. Alpha lipoic acid is also an excellent metal detoxifier, particularly for mercury and cadmium.

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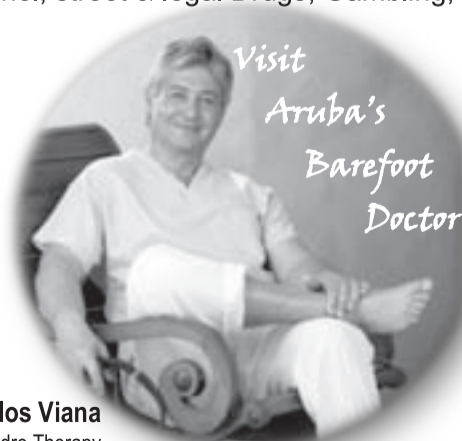


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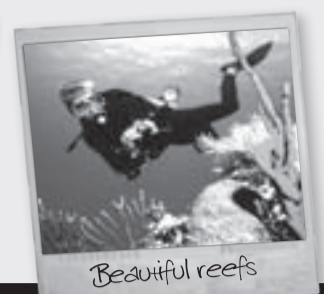
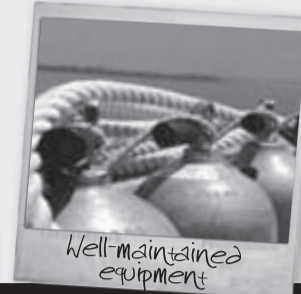
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# Apple-centric 'Modern Family' goes beyond gimmicks

ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — When "Modern Family" producers revealed that they recorded this week's episode entirely with the iPhone and other Apple products, I was skeptical. I've seen too many good shows decline in quality over time. I worried this 6-year-old show was resorting to a gimmick.

Those doubts quickly dissipated as I watched. The digital medium offered a fresh, clever way of storytelling — with jokes and plot twists not possible with the documentary-style approach that "Modern Family" typically uses.

The episode, "Connection Lost," takes place entirely on Claire Dunphy's MacBook computer. As Claire waits for a flight home, she tries to reach her eldest daughter, Haley, following a big fight. Claire (Julie Bowen) uses Apple's



This photo provided by Twentieth Century Fox Television shows, from left, Julie Bowen, as Claire Dunphy; Ed O'Neill, as Jay Pritchett; Adam Devine, as Andy; Sarah Hyland, as Haley Dunphy; and Ty Burrell as Phil Dunphy, in a scene from the "Connection Lost" episode of "Modern Family."

FaceTime video-calling software to communicate with the rest of her family as they try to track down Haley (Sarah Hyland). You see those interactions as Claire experiences them on her computer. The episode airs on ABC at 9 p.m.

ET on Wednesday. Actual iPhones — and to a lesser degree, iPads and Macs — were used to record the characters as they would appear to one another on FaceTime. As anyone who has used FaceTime, Skype and oth-

er Internet calling services well knows, video calls are sometimes choppy. That's especially true when Wi-Fi is congested, as would be expected at an airport. Producers did a good job of replicating that effect in post-production. True-to-life, characters look distorted in one scene as they held their devices very close up. I got some good laughs over that.

Another smart move was letting the MacBook's features set the scene. You know Claire is at an airport in Chicago when she chooses "O'Hare Int'l Airport WiFi" in the pull-down menu. Claire then turns to the Messages app to write Haley, "I'm at O'Hare Airport. Boarding in 20 minutes." (That happens to be how much time is left in the episode.) You get a flashback of Claire's fight with Haley when Claire watches video of it on the Mac's iPhoto app.

Producers chose Apple products partly because their features are familiar to many people. Although there are more Windows and Android devices over-

all, there are so many manufacturers and models that viewers might have had a hard time following. Apple products are recognizable, even to people who use competing devices. Apple provided the gadgets used, but didn't pay for their inclusion.

The episode does take viewers beyond Apple. Claire visits Facebook and uses Yahoo Answers for help on filing a missing-person report. The Web browser generated much of the humor. Claire multitasked as she talked to various family members. After clicking on an ABC News article on a fire that resulted from a dryer vent, Claire added "vacuum dryer vent" to her list of things to do. (The article, by the way, was fake. I checked.) "Connection Lost" weaves in cultural technology trends, including people making calls from the toilet and kids having limited gadget time. Claire's dad, the oldest character in the show, has trouble understanding how FaceTime works. It was stereotypical, but I laughed anyway.

Producers turned to standard graphics to replicate the layout of the MacBook and its various apps. Video clips from Apple cameras were then inserted. Producers initially wanted to record all that on the Mac as a screen grab, but the quality wasn't good enough when projected on a high-definition TV.

The show took some creative liberties. Claire made FaceTime calls with multiple people at once. In reality, you're limited to one at a time. She also got to Google's Street View through a link on Apple's map. The two fierce rivals don't actually link to each other like that. □

## Reddit cracks down on posting nude pictures

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Social-networking and news site Reddit says it will remove photos, videos and links with explicit content if the person in the image hasn't given permission for it to be posted.

The move marks a shift for the online venue, which has had a hands-off approach to privacy, largely allowing its 160 million users to police their own forums within certain guidelines such as no child pornography or spam. The change comes about six months after hackers obtained nude pho-

tos of Jennifer Lawrence and other celebrities and posted them to social media sites including Twitter and Reddit.

A posting on the site, signed by Reddit executives including CEO Ellen Pao, said the shift is an effort to "help grow reddit for the next 10 years and beyond." Effective March 10, any photograph, video or digital image of a person who is nude or engaged in a sexual act is prohibited if the subject hasn't given permission for it to be used. Anyone who wants

an image of themselves removed from the site can email [contact@reddit.com](mailto:contact@reddit.com).

Reddit, owned by Conde Nast's Wired Digital, did not return a request for comment.

Social media sites have varying policies on nudity. Facebook prohibits images containing nudity altogether. Twitter doesn't mediate legal content but recommends that content with nudity or violence be marked as sensitive. It also lets users flag questionable content for review. □

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## Slight gains push US stocks to record highs; Home Depot up

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The Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index delivered new highs Tuesday, beating marks they set last week. The Nasdaq composite also built on its gains for the year, finishing higher for the 10th day in a row.

The latest milestones came as investors liked what they heard from Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, who told Congress the central bank would be patient about raising interest rates as the economy improves.

"Markets had been very focused on the Yellen testimony and wanted to see if there was going to be any change in the outlook for the first Fed rate hike," said David Lefkowitz, senior equity strategist for UBS Wealth Management Research. "The short answer to that is, not really. The Fed is, at a minimum, not going to do anything imminently."

Progress in Greece's efforts to secure an extension of its rescue program and strong earnings from Home Depot also encouraged traders. The home-improvement retailer was the best performer in the 30-company Dow, rising 4.4 percent.

The Dow ended up 92.35 points, or 0.5 percent, to 18,209.19. That's up 0.4 percent from its most-recent high of 18,140.44 last Friday.

The S&P 500 gained 5.82 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,115.48. The index also reached its previous high of 2,110.30 on Friday.

The Nasdaq gained 7.15 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,968.12. The index, which has yet to eclipse its record high from the dot-com era,



**Trader Tommy Kalikas talks on his mobile phone as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index delivered new highs Tuesday, beating marks they set last week.**

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is now within 81 points of that March 2000 peak.

The three main U.S. stock indexes are all up for the year. The S&P 500 has closed at a new high four times this month. The Dow has done it twice.

The current bull market, now in its sixth year, has been powered by strong

corporate earnings growth and low interest rates, which make stocks more attractive relative to bonds. Yellen's remarks to Congress on Tuesday suggest that the interest rate part of that dynamic isn't likely to change right away.

In the first part of her two-day testimony, Yellen not-

ed that the U.S. economy is making steady progress, but that for now the Fed will remain patient about raising interest rates because the job market is still healing and inflation is too low. The Fed has kept its benchmark rate near zero since 2008. Yellen's testimony supports the view that

a rate increase is not likely before June or even later this year.

"It's a little bit uncertain on when exactly they'll raise rates, but it's not going to happen sooner than expected," Lefkowitz said.

The major stock indexes spent much of the morning drifting between small gains and losses as traders awaited Yellen's remarks and kept tabs on developments in Greece.

Athens and its bailout creditors reached a tentative agreement last week to continue a rescue loan program by four months to avoid the risk of a Greek default and exit from the euro currency. On Tuesday, the country's European creditors approved a 4-month extension to the nation's financial bailout.

"It was not unexpected, but welcome news," said Brad Sorensen, director of market and sector analysis at the Schwab Center for Financial Research. "We don't have to worry about that for at least a few weeks, anyway." □

## JPMorgan to close 5% of bank branches to cut costs

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — JPMor-

gan Chase plans to close 300 bank branches over the next two years, about 5 percent of the total, as more customers move online and the bank seeks to cut costs.

The closures are part of a \$1.4 billion cost-cutting plan the bank announced for this year. The latest developments were revealed during the bank's annual investor day conference Tuesday.

Online and mobile banking have become increasingly popular and that trend

is expected to continue. The shift online has begun to make brick-and-mortar branches staffed full of tellers less necessary and, frankly, expensive.

Tellers handled only 42 percent of all bank deposits last year, according to JPMorgan, down from 90 percent in 2007. Along with ATM deposits, banks have introduced technology that only requires customers to take a picture of a check with a smartphone to make a deposit.

Teller transactions are now among the most expensive for banks to process. It costs JPMorgan roughly 65

cents each time a deposit is made through a teller, more than eight times the cost to process an ATM deposit. Deposits through a smartphone cost the bank three cents, a fraction of the cost of a traditional teller deposit.

Still, bank branches are still important for the foreseeable future. Roughly 90 percent of JPMorgan customers visit a brick-and-mortar location each year, with an average visit of 12 times annually. The bank had been opening net new branches as recently as 2013, but closed 28 net branches last year.

Due to the increasing use of online and mobile banking, bank branches will move away from everyday transactions to focus more on advisory services like wealth management and account openings, JPMorgan executives said. Customers should, in time, expect to see few teller windows open and more ATMs.

"There will be less tellers that will help with every day functions, but the branches will have more offices available for advice," Barry Summers, CEO of consumer banking at JPMorgan, said to investors. □

## The Nationalist Solution



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The struggle against Islamic extremism has been crippled by a failure of historical awareness and cultural understanding. From the very beginning, we have treated the problem of terrorism through the prism of our own assumptions and our own values. We have solipsistically assumed that people turn to extremism because they can't get what we want, and fail to realize that they don't want what we want but want something they think is higher.

The latest example of this is the speech that President Barack Obama gave at this week's Summit on Countering Violent Extremism. It was a bad speech, but its badness is no reflection on Obama, for it was the same sort of bad speech that all U.S. presidents have been giving for the past generation.

Religious extremism exists on three levels. It grows out of economic and political dysfunction. It is fueled by perverted spiritual ardor. It is organized by theological conviction. U.S. presidents focus almost exclusively on the economic and political level because that's what polite people in Western capitals are comfortable talking about.

At the summit meeting, Obama gave the conventional materialistic explanation for what turns people into terrorists. Terrorism spreads, he argued, where people lack economic opportunity and good schools. The way to fight terror, he concluded, is with better job-training programs, more shared wealth, more open political regimes and a general message of tolerance and pluralism.

In short, the president took his secular domestic agenda and projected it as a way to prevent young men from joining the Islamic State and chopping off heads.

But people don't join the Islamic State because they want better jobs with more benefits. The Islamic State is one of a long line of anti-Enlightenment movements, led by people who have contempt for the sort of materialistic, bourgeois goals that dominate our politics. These people don't care if their earthly standard of living improves by a few percent a year. They're disgusted by the pleasures we value, the pluralism we prize and the emphasis on happiness in this world, which we take as public life's ultimate end. They're not doing it because they are sexually repressed. They

are doing it because they think it will ennoble their souls and purify creation.

On Thursday, Mona El-Naggar of The Times profiled a young Egyptian man, named Islam Yaken, who grew up in a private school but ended up fighting for the Islamic State and kneeling proudly by a beheaded corpse in Syria. He was marginalized by society. He seems to have rejected the whole calculus of what we call self-interest for the sake of an electrifying apocalyptic worldview and what he imagines to be some illimitable heroic destiny. People who live according to the pure code of honor are not governed by the profit motive; they are governed by the thymotic urge, the quest for recognition. They seek the sort of glory that can be won only by showing strength in confrontation with death.

This heroic urge is combined, by Islamist extremists, with a vision of End Times, a culmination to history brought about by a climactic battle and the purification of the earth.

Extremism is a spiritual phenomenon, a desire for loftiness of spirit gone perverse. You can't counter a heroic impulse with a mundane and bourgeois response. You can counter it only with a more compelling heroic vision. There will always be alienated young men fueled by spiritual ardor. Terrorism will be defeated only when they find a different fulfillment, even more bold and self-transcending. In other times, nationalism has offered that compelling vision. We sometimes think of nationalism as a destructive force, and it can be. But nationalism tied to universal democracy has always been uplifting and ennobling. It has organized heroic lives in America, France, Britain and beyond.

Walt Whitman was inspired by the thought that his country was involved in a great project, "making a new history, a history of democracy, making old history a dwarf . . . inaugurating largeness, culminating time." Lincoln committed himself to the sacred truth that his country represented the "last best hope" of mankind. Millions have been inspired by an American creed that, the late great historian Sacvan Bercovitch wrote, "has succeeded in uniting nationality and universality, civic and spiritual selfhood, sacred and secular history, the country's past and paradise to be, in a single transcendent ideal."

Young Arab men are not going to walk away from extremism because they can suddenly afford a Slurpee. They will walk away when they can devote themselves to a revived Egyptian nationalism, Lebanese nationalism, Syrian nationalism, some call to serve a cause that connects nationalism to dignity and democracy and transcends a lifetime.

Extremism isn't mostly about Islam. It is about a yearning for righteousness rendered malevolent by apocalyptic theology. Muslim clerics can fix the theology. The rest of us can help redirect the spiritual ardor toward humane and productive ends. □



## Cranking Up for 2016 in America



PAUL KRUGMAN

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Scott Walker, the governor of Wisconsin, is said to be a rising contender for the Republican presidential nomination. So, on Wednesday, he did what, these days, any ambitious Republican must and pledged allegiance to charlatans and cranks.

For those unfamiliar with the phrase, "charlatans and cranks" is associated with N. Gregory Mankiw, a professor at Harvard who served for a time as George W. Bush's chief economic adviser. In the first edition of his best-selling economics textbook, Mankiw used those words to ridicule "supply-siders" who promised that tax cuts would have such magical effects on the economy that deficits would go down, not up.

But, on Wednesday, Walker, in what was clearly a rite of passage into serious candidacy, spoke at a dinner at Manhattan's "21" club hosted by the three most prominent supply-siders: Art Laffer (he of the curve); Larry Kudlow of CNBC; and Stephen Moore, chief economist of the Heritage Foundation. Politico pointed out that Rick Perry, the former governor of Texas, attended a similar event last month. Clearly, to be a Republican contender you have to court the powerful charlatan caucus.

So a doctrine that even Republican economists consider dangerous nonsense has become party orthodoxy. And what

makes this political triumph especially remarkable is that it comes just as the doctrine's high priests have been setting new standards for utter, epic predictive failure.

I'm not talking about the fact that supply-siders didn't see the crisis coming, although they didn't. Moore published a 2004 book titled "Bullish on Bush," asserting that the Bush agenda was creating a permanently stronger economy. Kudlow sneered at the "bubbleheads" asserting that inflated home prices were due for a crash. Still, you could argue that few economists of any stripe fully foresaw the coming disaster. You can't say the same, however, about postcrisis developments, where the people Walker was courting have spent years warning about the wrong things. "Get ready for inflation and higher interest rates" was the title of a June 2009 op-ed article in The Wall Street Journal by Laffer; what followed were the lowest inflation in two generations and the lowest interest rates in history. Kudlow and Moore both predicted 1970s-style stagflation.

To be fair, Kudlow and Laffer eventually admitted that they had been wrong. Neither has, however, given any indication of reconsidering his views, let alone conceding the possibility that the much-hated Keynesians, who have gotten most things right even as the supply-siders were getting everything wrong, might be on to something. Kudlow describes the failure of runaway inflation to materialize - something he has been predicting since 2008 - as "miraculous."

Something else worth noting: As befits his position at Heritage, Moore likes to publish articles filled with lots of numbers. But his numbers are consistently wrong; they're for the wrong years or just plain not what the original sources say. And somehow these errors always run in the direction he wants.

So what does it say about the

current state of the GOP that discussion of economic policy is monopolized by people who have been wrong about everything, have learned nothing from the experience and can't even get their numbers straight?

The answer, I'd suggest, runs deeper than economic doctrine. Across the board, the modern American right seems to have abandoned the idea that there is an objective reality out there, even if it's not what your prejudices say should be happening. What are you going to believe, right-wing doctrine or your own lying eyes? These days, the doctrine wins.

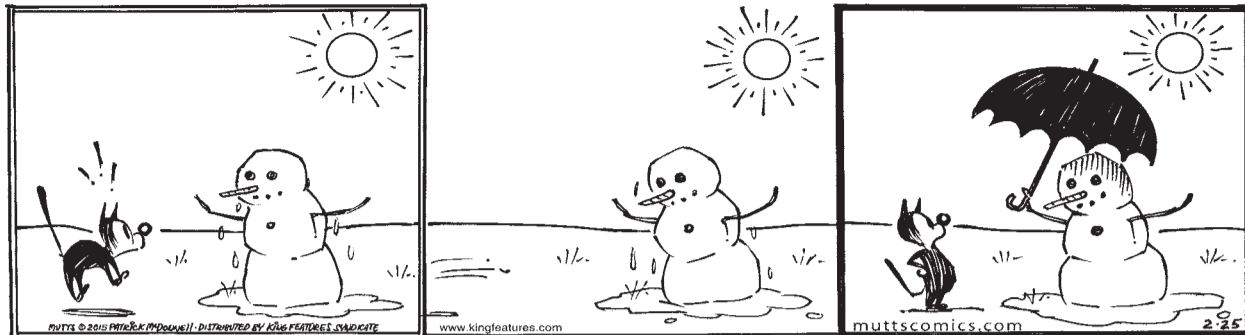
Look at another issue, health reform. Before the Affordable Care Act went into effect, conservatives predicted disaster: health costs would soar, the deficit would explode, more people would lose insurance than gain it. They were wrong on all counts. But, in their rhetoric, even in the alleged facts (none of them true) people like Moore put in their articles, they simply ignore this reality. Reading them, you'd think that the dismal failure they wrongly predicted had actually happened.

Then there's foreign policy. This week Jeb Bush tried to demonstrate his chops in that area, unveiling his team of expert advisers - who are, sure enough, the very people who insisted that the Iraqis would welcome us as liberators. And don't get me started on climate change.

Along with this denial of reality comes an absence of personal accountability. If anything, alleged experts seem to get points by showing that they're willing to keep saying the same things no matter how embarrassingly wrong they've been in the past.

But let's go back to those economic charlatans and cranks: Clearly, failure has only made them stronger, and now they are political kingmakers. Be very, very afraid. □

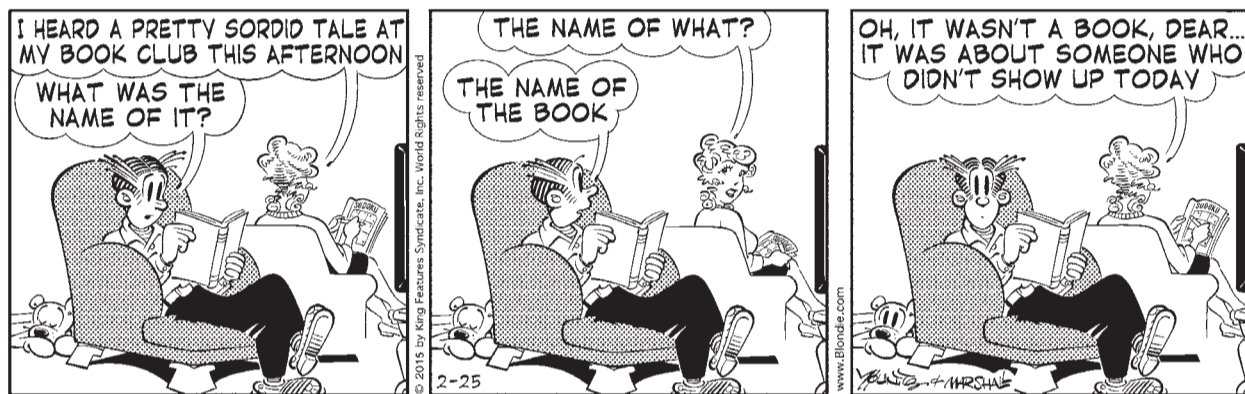
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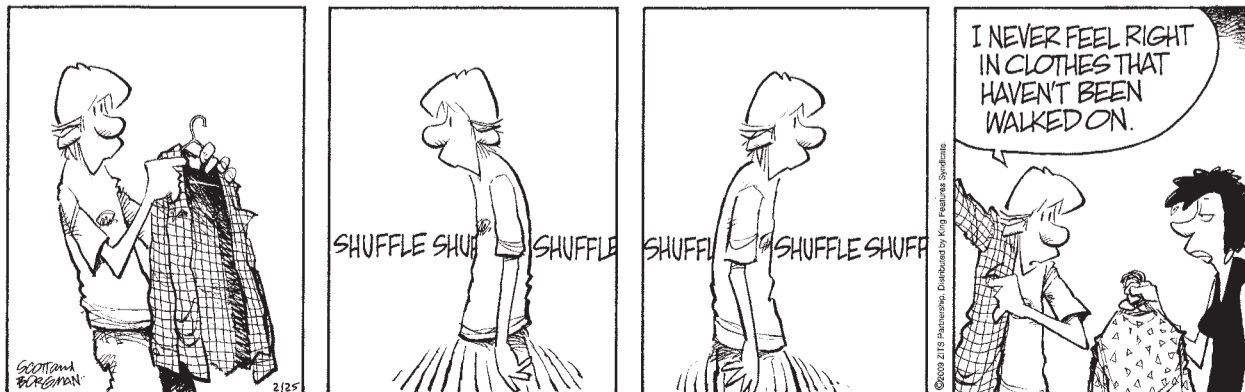
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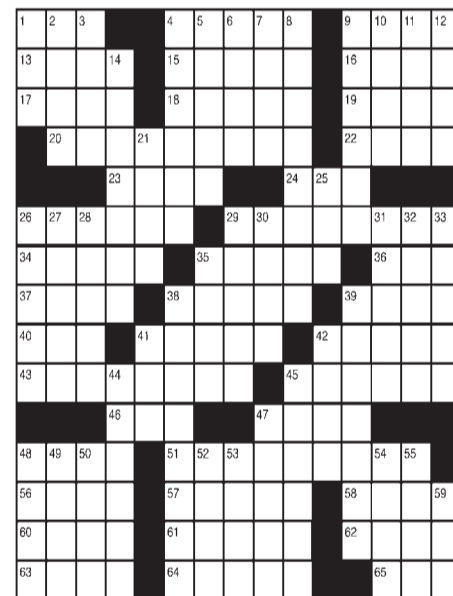
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- Brass musical instrument
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- Afternoon rest
- Reverberated
- Personal magnetism
- \_\_ cats and dogs; pours
- Uncouth
- Price label
- Blyth & Jillian
- \_\_ out; get rid of gradually
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- Flapjacks
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- Burrows and Beame
- Concern
- Noisy bird
- Drive out
- Days of old
- Enraged

DOWN

- Colony insect
- Wild hog

## US institute: North Korea nuke arsenal set to multiply

**M. PENNINGTON**  
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**WASHINGTON (AP)**—North Korea could increase its nuclear arsenal from at least 10 weapons today to between 20 and 100 weapons in five years, U.S. researchers said Tuesday, as the Obama administration vowed to work with U.S. allies to pressure Pyongyang to denuclearize.

The forecast of the secretive Asian nation's nuclear stockpile is based on projections made by American experts on weapons technology and the experience of nuclear programs of countries such as Israel, Pakistan, India and China. It comes as the U.S. and South Korea begin annual military drills that have angered North Korea, and as U.S. lawmakers push legislation that would tighten sanctions intended to restrict leader Kim Jong Un's access to the international banking system. Aid-for-disarmament negotiations have stalled since 2008, and the North has since conducted two nuclear tests, fired a rocket into space and unveiled a long-range, road-mobile missile, deepening concern in Washington over its capabilities.

"The United States remains committed to the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and will continue - in close consultation with our allies - to bring pressure to bear on North Korea in support of that goal," Secretary of State John Kerry said in congressional testimony Tuesday.

But North Korea struggles for attention in a crowded U.S. foreign policy agenda. During two Senate hearings, Kerry was peppered with questions about Ukraine, the fight against the Islamic State group and nuclear negotiations with Iran, but none on North Korea.

The U.S.-Korea Institute concluded that North Korea has made important progress in its weapons programs in the past five years, and those programs

"appear posed for significant expansion over the next five years, presenting a serious challenge to the United States, Northeast Asia and the international community." In its analysis, provided to

The Associated Press ahead of publication on its website, 38 North, the institute estimated that North Korea currently has between 10 and 16 nuclear weapons, some based on plutonium, others on uranium. □

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## Antarctica: Mystery continent holds key to mankind's future

**Associated Press**

**DECEPTION ISLAND, Antarctica (AP)** — Earth's past, present and future come together here on the northern peninsula of Antarctica, the wildest, most desolate and mysterious of its continents.

Clues to answering humanity's most basic questions are locked in this continental freezer the size of the United States and half of Canada: Where did we come from? Are we alone in the universe? What's the fate of our warming planet?

The first explorers set foot in Antarctica 194 years ago hunting 19th century riches of whale and seal oil and fur, turning tides red with blood. Since then, the fist-shaped continent has proven a treasure chest for scientists trying to determine everything from the creation of the cosmos to how high seas will rise with global warming.

"It's a window out to the universe and in time," said Kelly Falkner, polar program chief for the U.S. National Science Foundation. For a dozen days in Janu-



In this Jan. 22, 2015 photo, a Gentoo penguin feeds its baby at Station Bernardo O'Higgins in Antarctica.

ary, in the middle of the chilly Antarctic summer, The Associated Press followed scientists from different fields searching for alien-like creatures, hints of pollution trapped in ancient ice, leftovers from the Big Bang, biological quirks that potentially could lead to better medical treatments, and perhaps most of all, signs of unstoppable melting. The journey on a Chilean navy ship along

the South Shetland islands and vulnerable Antarctic Peninsula, which juts off the continent like a broken pinky finger, logged 833 miles (1,340 kilometers) and allowing the AP team a firsthand look at part of this vital continent.

Antarctica conjures up images of quiet mountains and white plateaus, but the coldest, driest and remotest continent is far from dormant. About 98 percent of it is covered by ice, and that ice is constantly moving. Temperatures can range from above zero in the South Shetlands and Antarctic Peninsula to the unbearable frozen lands near the South Pole. As an active volcano, Deception Island is a pot of extreme conditions. There are spots where the sea boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit (100 degrees Celsius), while in others it can be freezing at below 32 (0 degrees Celsius). And while the sun rarely shines on the long, dark Antarctic winters, nighttime never seems to fall on summer days.

While tourists come to Antarctica for its beauty and

remoteness, scientists are all business. What they find could affect the lives of people thousands of miles away; if experts are right, and the West Antarctic ice sheet has started melting irreversibly, what happens here will determine if cities such as Miami, New York, New Orleans, Guangzhou, Mumbai, London and Osaka will have to regularly battle flooding from rising seas.

Antarctica "is big and it's changing and it affects the rest of the planet and we can't afford to ignore what's going on down there," said David Vaughan, science director of the British Antarctic Survey.

Often, scientists find something other than what they were looking for. Last year researchers calculated that ice on the western side of the continent was melting faster than expected. Last month, scientists researching vital geology in that melting were looking a half mile under the ice in pitch dark and found a surprise: fish a half foot (15 centimeters) long and

shrimp-like creatures swimming by their cameras.

Geologists are entranced by Antarctica's secrets. On a recent scientific expedition led by Chile's Antarctic Institute, Richard Spikings, a research geologist at the University of Geneva, wielded a large hammer to collect rock samples in the South Shetlands and the Antarctic Peninsula. Curious members of a penguin colony on Cape Legoupil watched as he pounded on slabs of black granite and diorite rising out of the southern ocean. By the end of the two-week trip, his colleagues had jokingly begun calling him "Thor."

"To understand many aspects in the diversity of animals and plants it's important to understand when continents disassembled," Spikings said. "So we're also learning about the real antiquity of the Earth and how (continents) were configured together a billion years ago, half a billion years ago, 300 million years ago," he said, adding that the insights will help him understand Antarctica's key role in the jigsaw of ancient super continents. With names like Rodinia, Gondwana and Pangaea, scientists believe they were significant landmasses in Earth's history and were periodically joined together through the movement of plates.

Because there is no local industry, any pollution captured in the pristine ice and snow is from chemicals that traveled from afar, such as low levels of lead found in ice until it was phased out of gasoline, or radiation levels found from above-ground nuclear tests thousands of miles away and decades ago by the U.S. and the Soviet Union, Vaughan said. □

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# Jimmy Page revels in new Led Zeppelin re-masters

GREGORY KATZ  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Jimmy Page started the project because he couldn't believe how bad Led Zeppelin sounded.

The legacy of the band he'd devoted much of his life to was being muddied by the way its classic studio albums sounded when reproduced on the ubiquitous MP3 players that are popular today.

Instead of accepting that future generations would have to hear a cramped, compressed version of Led Zep's sonic booms, Page has devoted several years to completely re-mastering the band's extensive catalog in a labor of love — "Physical Graffiti," which was released on Tuesday.

"This whole re-mastering process is a result of listening to Led Zeppelin on MP3. It almost sounds as if someone has got into the master tapes and done a really horrendous mix of it," Page said of the MP3 versions in a recent interview. "It just wasn't representative of what we'd done in the first place. So many textures were missing. The whole beauty of Led Zeppelin, the air of it, these instruments coming in here and here and over here, was just totally destroyed."

The re-mastering has



In this picture taken Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015, British musician Jimmy Page of rock group Led Zeppelin, laughs during an interview with Associated Press in London.

taken several years, and the new editions include previously unreleased companion disks of outtakes, live performances and alternate versions of many songs. Page listened to hundreds of hours of tapes looking for gems. The 71-year-old guitar master, who wears his long silvery hair in a ponytail, is confident that the new versions will last and be easily adapted for the next round of technological innova-

tion. "At this point, we're prepared for whatever may come, as far as high-resolution digital," he said. "And we have the new versions on high quality vinyl, the CDs and digital. The object of the exercise has been achieved." Page is part of a select group of British guitarists — Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Keith Richards and a few others — who emerged in the mid-'60s to put a new take on American rock 'n' roll.

They were for the most part self-taught, Page said, and the technology they relied on was primitive indeed: They would buy singles of American songs designed to be played at 45 rpm and played them instead at 33 rpm, the speed designated for long playing records, not singles.

Page listened to Elvis Presley's singles this way — to decode the guitar work — and Ricky Nelson, whose session gui-

tarist was the revered James Burton. "The way we all learned was from records," he said. "You'd put on the 45, slow it down to 33, and try to work out these solos, note for note. That's it. Everyone learned that way, as far as I can tell."

"I'd save up my pocket money and get every Ricky Nelson single, because you knew James Burton wasn't go to let you down, ever," Page added. □

Associated Press





In this Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015 file photo, actor Daniel Craig steps out of a sports car during the shooting of the latest James Bond movie "SPECTRE" in Rome. **Associated Press**

**TRISHA THOMAS**  
**Associated Press**

**ROME (AP)** After surviving the Sony hack, production for the new James Bond thriller "SPECTRE" has moved to Rome, where crowds are gathering to catch a glimpse of 007 and the oldest Bond girl yet, 50-year-old Monica

Bellucci.

Daniel Craig, 46, and Bellucci have been seen around town in recent days as filming has taken them from the cobblestoned streets of the historic center out to the Mussolini-era modern EUR neighborhood.

The main thoroughfare

## 007 production moves to Rome with oldest Bond girl, Bellucci

of central Rome, Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, was closed to traffic early Tuesday for a nighttime car chase scene featuring Bond's silver Aston Martin. Another chase took place along the bike path on the banks of the Tiber River.

Details of the plot of the Sam Mendes-directed film had been a well-guarded secret until Bond producer EON Productions acknowledged in December that an early version of the script was among material stolen in the Sony Pictures cyberattack. Details have since circulated online.

Nevertheless, curious Romans have come out in droves to take in scenes of the 20-day shoot, which

followed an initial one in London.

"I hope to see James Bond. Someone told me that there is also Monica Bellucci," said Floriana Sacco, 36, as she watched an apparent funeral scene being shot outside EUR's civic museum. "We hope that as all other film settings in Rome, it will be beautiful and it will be good publicity to this beautiful city."

City officials expect as much as 1 million euros (\$1.1 million) in permit fees

alone, and that the total boost to the Eternal City could be several times that given the extras, security guards, film crews, catering services and hotels being used.

Rome's historic center has provided the backdrop to several major motion pictures in recent years, including Woody Allen's 2012 romance "To Rome With Love," and Paolo Sorrentino's 2013 "The Great Beauty," which went on to win an Oscar for best foreign film. □



The First Folio of Shakespeare plays recently discovered in Saint-Omer in France, is displayed after a press conference at Shakespeare's Globe theatre in London, Monday, Feb. 23, 2015. **Associated Press**

## First Folio found in France to visit Shakespeare' Globe

**JILL LAWLESS**  
**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — A rare first edition of William Shakespeare's plays is to go on display in the Bard's spiritual home, just a few hundred yards (meters) from where it was printed in 1623.

Shakespeare's Globe says a First Folio discovered last year in a library in Saint-Omer, France, will be displayed at the London theater for two months from July 2016.

Actor Mark Rylance said Monday that he's delighted "my favorite book in the world" is coming to the recreated Elizabethan playhouse. The theater lies across the River Thames from the site of London's

17th-century printing houses near St. Paul's Cathedral.

About 750 copies of Shakespeare's collected plays were printed seven years after the playwright died. Some 230 copies are known to survive, including the book found among belongings from a now-defunct Jesuit college in Saint-Omer, near Calais.

Saint-Omer librarian Remy Cordonnier identified the folio, which was missing its title page and had been misidentified as an 18th-century printing.

He said annotations suggest it was been used for student performances at the college — some of the bawdier jokes have been crossed out. □

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